

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration.

Claims 1 and 17 stand objected to for several informalities. Claim 1 has been amended to take into consideration the Examiner's recommendations. Claim 17 has also been amended to take into consideration the Examiner's suggestions. Applicants believe that these amendments overcome this rejection.

Claims 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Fuller* (5,729,279).

Claim 13 recites the step of coupling electronic content to a redistribution device; over-the-air broadcasting at least a portion of the electronic content from the redistribution device; and receiving the electronic content through a user appliance.

The *Fuller* reference teaches a video distribution system suitable for use in a hotel. The *Fuller* system receives information from a satellite 106 at downlink facility 108. The hospitality system 108 distributes the system to various rooms within the hotel. The Examiner points to the satellite links as a means for over-the-air coupling or broadcasting to redistribution device 108, 110 and 112. Claim 13 has been amended to clarify that the over-the-air broadcasting of the electronic content is from the redistribution device. The changes are not being made in view of the art cited and do not substantially relate to the patentability of the claim. The changes merely

explicitly recite the inherent aspects of the invention. Therefore they are not narrowing amendments. The *Fuller* reference does not teach or suggest the use of over-the-air broadcasting using the network 204. The network 204 is not taught or suggested to be a wireless system. Applicants believe that the system is a wired system that uses microwaves or RF that are broadcast through the wires or optical fibers that exist within a hotel. This is set forth in lines 1-5 of Col. 9. Thus, no over-the-air broadcasting from the redistribution device is taught or suggested in the *Fuller* reference.

Likewise, dependent claim 15 is also believed to be allowable for the same reasons that claim 13 is allowable.

Claims 1-12, 14, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fuller* in view of *Dillon* (6,430,233). Claim 1 has been clarified in that the base station "over-the-air" rebroadcasts at least a portion of said broadcast signal. The Examiner acknowledges that *Fuller* does not address using a wireless local area network. The Examiner points to Fig. 1, Col. 6, line 50 to Col. 7, line 20, Fig. 9, and Col. 8, lines 44-67, to illustrate a wireless local area network or wireless LAN. Applicants have reviewed *Dillon* Col. 6, line 52, Col. 7, line 20 and can find no teaching or suggestion of wireless rebroadcasting over a local area network. Further, Applicants have also reviewed Col. 8, lines 44-67. Although line 63 teaches a wireless local area network, the wireless local area network refers to satellite *data* receiver 150. As stated in the summary of the *Fuller* reference in Col. 5, lines 37-45,

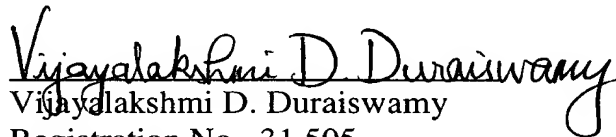
the *Dillon* reference permits the user of a conventional satellite television system to receive data services other than televised signals, without upgrading their outdoor unit or requiring an installer to be let into the consumer's home. This is explained at the top of Col. 7. *Dillon* neither teaches nor suggests over-the-air rebroadcasting at least a portion of the received electronic content to other devices that are part of a wireless local area network.

The Examiner further states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify *Fuller's* technique of providing a local area network for users to communicate with each other in a small local network with *Dillon's* teaching technique of upgrading to a wireless local area network with the network interfaces as addressed in order to expand the capability of a broadcast system in redistributing the broadcast signals or digital programming services to other networks such as a wireless LAN comprising wireless terminals or wireless devices as preferred. Applicants disagree. The *Fuller* reference is directed to using the existing communication system of a hotel as described above. No teaching or suggestion is provided in the *Fuller* reference for providing a stand- alone system such as that which would be provided by a wireless LAN. The *Dillon* reference neither teaches nor suggests wireless rebroadcasting of at least a portion of the received electronic content. Therefore, no teaching or suggestion is provided in either reference for such a combination.

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In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, which would place the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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